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Los Angeles drivers who heed Metro's message can save more than \$10,000 annually.

Public Transit Users Save \$9,596 per Household Annually Compared To Drivers

- Total rises \$411 from 2007

(Sept. 17, 2008) Despite a recent decline in gasoline prices, the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) analysis for September shows a person using public transportation saves an average of \$9,596 per year compared with a driver's expenses.

That is an increased savings of \$411 annually compared to this time last year.

Based on current gas prices and the average unreserved parking rate, APTA's "Transit Savings Report" shows that the expenses of driving remain a considerable chunk of a household's budget.

The average annual savings represents more than one-third larger than the average amount a household pays for food in a year (\$6,111), APTA reported, using calculations from the Food Institute.

In the table below, APTA ranked the top 20 cites with the highest ridership, in order of their transit savings. Totals are based on the purchase of a monthly public transportation pass and considers current local gas prices (Based on gasoline prices as reported by AAA on 9/4/08) and the local monthly unreserved parking rate.

Top Twenty Cities – Transit Savings Report			
	City	Monthly Savings	Annual Savings
1	Boston	\$1,124	\$13,490
2	New York	\$1,119	\$13,431
3	San Francisco	\$1,054	\$12,648
4	Chicago	\$978	\$11,738

5	Philadelphia	\$946	\$11,346
6	Seattle	\$944	\$11,327
7	Honolulu	\$935	\$11,215
8	Washington DC	\$883	\$10,593
9	Los Angeles	\$871	\$10,455
10	Minneapolis	\$859	\$10,302

You can calculate your individual savings when riding public transit by visiting www.publictransportation.org.